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1. ( [REDACTED] - JSW) Talked with Representative Chet Holifield, Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, indicating we had been working with the staff on the question of the Director's appearance. Explained the possibility that the Director's confirmation hearing on the 18th in the morning could possibly go over into the afternoon. On the other hand, Mr. McCone wanted very much to start the briefing for the Agency but was inquiring if they could possibly be put over until the morning of the 19th if the confirmation hearing interferes. Mr. Holifield said he certainly understood the situation and, of course, the confirmation hearing had priority; therefore, if it appeared the confirmation would go into the afternoon he could shift the Agency's appearance until Friday morning.

Later in the day, I reached George Murphy and advised him of my discussion with Mr. Holifield. Later in the afternoon, Mr. Conway called in reference to my discussion with Mr. Holifield and said the matter had been gone over and they were now requesting us to appear at ten o'clock on Friday morning and they would plan to have AEC and DOD do the U. S. aspects on Thursday afternoon. At this time Mr. Conway also asked that I pass on to Mr. McCone an invitation to a reception by the Joint Committee in their new quarters beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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2. ( [REDACTED] - JSW) At Mr. McCone's request, made arrangements for him to see Representative Clarence Cannon at 10:45 on Tuesday, 16 January, following visits with Mr. Vinson and then with Senator Jackson earlier.

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3. ( [REDACTED] - JSW) Raised with Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee, the question of Senator Russell asking questions on specific points which Mr. McCone desired to be covered. Mr. Darden stated he would take this up with the Chairman and let us know if Senator Russell felt he should be the one to ask these questions.

In view of time factors, I talked with William Saltonstall in Senator Leverett Saltonstall's office pointing out the situation and asked if the Senator would be willing to raise these questions if the Chairman did not. Mr. Saltonstall said the Senator would be happy to do this and the four points to be covered have been made available to the Senator.

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4. [REDACTED] - JSW) Captain W. A. Stevens, Jr., Military Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, telephoned to indicate the Chairman's congressional schedule, indicating 19 January with Senate Armed Services, 23 January with Stennis' subcommittee on "muzzling the military," 24, 25, 26 January with House Armed Services, and 29 January - for at least four or five days - with the Mahon Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations. In line with previous years, Stevens wished to make available to us a copy of the Chairman's posture briefing. In the interests of time, since Mr. Vinson had asked for a preview by the 17th, Stevens will have a Captain Fox in his office send it directly to Howard Stoertz who will then review for comments by the Agency. Amory advised of the above.

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6. [REDACTED] - GLC) Mrs. Miller, on the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, called and asked if we had a film entitled "Silvery Dust." I told her I would check on this and be in touch.

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7. [REDACTED] - GLC) On Saturday, Miss Frazier, in the office of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.), called to say that she was getting together for the Senator's use on Monday information on Soviet merchant shipping. She said she had gotten some figures from the Navy on the Soviet merchant fleet and wished to check them with someone here. Arrangements were made for [REDACTED] Current Support Staff/ORR, to call Miss Frazier. [REDACTED] later reported that the matter was taken care of without difficulty and Miss Frazier was advised that there should be no attribution to the Agency in the use of this material.

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